



Maryland Crop Quick Facts 2003 Crop

The crop season so far this year has been unusual. Cool temperatures and rainy weather conditions have dominated the growing season. Planting of row crops was delayed by a few weeks. Some farmers found they had to re-plant corn or soybeans because of wet, muddy field conditions.

Corn planting began during the week of April 21, 2003. Despite all the wet weather, Maryland farmers were able to plant 530,000 acres. This is 20,000 acres more than last year. Corn condition for the week ending July 6, 2003 was rated 7 percent excellent, 34 percent good, 34 percent fair, 16 percent poor, and 9 percent very poor.

Soybean planting began during the week of May 5, 2003. Soybean planted acres is less than last year with only 480,000 acres, compared with 510,000 acres last year. Soybean condition for the week ending July 6, 2003 was rated 7 percent excellent, 25 percent good, 44 percent fair, 17 percent poor, and 7 percent very poor.

Transplanting of tobacco began during the week of May 5, 2003. Tobacco acreage is lower than last year by 200 acres. Many more farmers decided to take the tobacco buyout this year.

Small grains development was hampered by cool, wet conditions. Barley harvest is expected to be 40,000 acres, 1,000 acres less than last year. Barley yield is expected to be 61 bushels per acre, down 21 bushels per acre from 2002. Winter wheat harvested is expected to be 150,000 acres, 30,000 acres less than last year. Yield is expected to be 56 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels per acre from 2002. Winter wheat condition for the week ending June 22, 2003 was rated 4 percent excellent, 35 percent good, 41 percent fair, 13 percent poor and 7 percent very poor.

Hay harvest is behind normal this year. The first cutting of hay was still being cut as of June 30, 2003. Usually by this time of the year, farmers are on their second cutting. Hay harvest is expected to be 215,000 acres, 5,000 acres less than last year.

Corn

- Largest planted acreage since 1996.
- Fourth consecutive year of acreage increases

Record Highs and Lows

Item	Unit	Record Highs	Record Lows
Harvested	1,000 acres	726 (1891)	328 (1957)
Yield	Bushels	155 (2000)	14.5 (1930)
Production	1,000 Bushels	70,400 (1985)	6,554 (1930)

Soybeans

- Smallest planted acreage since 1998.

Record Highs and Low

Item	Unit	Record Highs	Record Lows
Harvested	1,000 acres	570 (1993)	3 (1928)
Yield	Bushels	43 (2000)	6.5 (1930)
Production	1,000 Bushels	22,145 (2000)	32 (1930)

Acreage, Yield, Production and Price

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Price Per Unit
			bu./acre	bushels	dols./bu.
1993	500,000	420,000	78	32,760,000	2.90
1994	460,000	390,000	118	46,020,000	2.45
1995	450,000	400,000	105	42,000,000	3.65
1996	530,000	465,000	139	64,635,000	3.05
1997	510,000	410,000	90	36,900,000	2.98
1998	470,000	400,000	109	43,600,000	2.33
1999	470,000	360,000	93	33,480,000	2.36
2000	480,000	405,000	155	62,775,000	2.01
2001	490,000	410,000	136	55,760,000	2.18
2002	510,000	425,000	76	32,300,000	2.85
2003	530,000	450,000	----	----	----

Acreage, Yield, Production and Price

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Price Per Unit
			bu./acre	bushels	dols./bu.
1993	580,000	570,000	26.0	14,820,000	6.50
1994	560,000	550,000	35.5	19,525,000	5.40
1995	550,000	510,000	23.0	11,730,000	6.95
1996	490,000	480,000	37.0	17,760,000	7.15
1997	530,000	520,000	30.0	15,600,000	6.90
1998	470,000	460,000	31.0	14,260,000	5.21
1999	490,000	480,000	32.0	15,360,000	4.66
2000	520,000	515,000	43.0	22,145,000	4.50
2001	520,000	515,000	39.0	20,085,000	4.20
2002	490,000	470,000	23.0	10,810,000	5.75
2003	480,000	475,000	----	----	----

Winter Wheat

- Lowest planted acreage and production since 1987.
- Lowest harvested acreage since 1986.

Record Highs and Lows

Item	Unit	Record Highs	Record Lows
Harvested	<i>1,000 acres</i>	680 (1903)	80 (1978)
Yield	<i>Bushels</i>	68 (1997)	11 (1866)
Production	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	14,400 (1995)	2,960 (1978)

Acreage, Yield, Production and Price

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Price Per Unit
			<i>bu./acre</i>	<i>bushels</i>	<i>dols./bu.</i>
1993	210,000	200,000	54	10,800,000	2.90
1994	230,000	220,000	55	12,100,000	3.10
1995	230,000	225,000	64	14,400,000	4.15
1996	235,000	227,000	52	11,804,000	4.31
1997	215,000	210,000	68	14,280,000	3.15
1998	225,000	215,000	50	10,750,000	2.37
1999	215,000	200,000	60	12,000,000	2.25
2000	220,000	200,000	63	12,600,000	2.15
2001	190,000	175,000	63	11,025,000	2.45
2002	195,000	180,000	66	11,880,000	3.15
2003	165,000	150,000	56	8,400,000	----

Barley

- Lowest expected harvested acreage since 1938.
- Lowest expected production since 1952.

Record Highs and Lows

Item	Unit	Record Highs	Record Lows
Harvested	<i>1,000 acres</i>	96 (1985)	1 (1889)
Yield	<i>Bushels</i>	82 (2002)	19 (1890)
Production	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	5,510 (1984)	19 (1890)

Acreage, Yield, Production and Price

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Price Per Unit
			<i>bu./acre</i>	<i>bushels</i>	<i>dols./bu.</i>
1993	75,000	69,000	69	4,761,000	1.70
1994	65,000	60,000	70	4,200,000	1.80
1995	65,000	62,000	81	5,022,000	1.80
1996	55,000	49,000	61	2,989,000	3.12
1997	55,000	50,000	80	4,000,000	2.05
1998	60,000	54,000	64	3,456,000	1.30
1999	55,000	50,000	80	4,000,000	1.35
2000	55,000	50,000	82	4,100,000	1.35
2001	55,000	51,000	75	3,825,000	1.30
2002	45,000	41,000	82	3,362,000	1.30
2003	45,000	40,000	61	2,440,000	----

Hay

- Planted acreage expected to be lower by 5,000 acres.

Record Highs and Lows

Item	Unit	Record Highs	Record Lows
Harvested	<i>1,000 acres</i>	465 (1943)	200 (1998)
Yield	<i>tons</i>	3.34 (1997)	0.70 (1911)
Production	<i>1,000 tons</i>	910 (1958)	250 (1911)

Acreage, Yield, Production and Price

Year	Harvested	Yield	Production	Price Per Unit
		<i>tons/acre</i>	<i>tons</i>	<i>dols./ton</i>
1993	210,000	2.62	550,000	106
1994	200,000	3.34	668,000	103
1995	205,000	2.69	552,000	106
1996	220,000	3.17	698,000	119
1997	200,000	2.51	501,000	142
1998	200,000	3.16	632,000	119
1999	210,000	2.51	528,000	127
2000	235,000	3.03	711,000	124
2001	225,000	2.32	522,000	134
2002	220,000	2.31	508,000	143
2003	215,000	-----	-----	-----

Tobacco

- Lowest harvested acres on record .
- Fourth consecutive yearly acreage decline.

Record Highs and Lows

Item	Unit	Record Highs	Record Lows
Harvested	<i>1,000 acres</i>	53 (1951)	1.5 (2003)
Yield	<i>Pounds</i>	1,500 (1997)	480 (1900)
Production	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	46,250 (1946)	2380 (2002)

Acreage, Yield, Production and Price

Year	Harvested	Yield	Production	Price Per Unit
		<i>bu./acre</i>	<i>bushels</i>	<i>dols./bu.</i>
1993	9,500	1,290	12,255,000	1.51
1994	8,500	1,500	12,750,000	1.64
1995	8,500	1,350	11,475,000	1.67
1996	8,000	1,250	10,000,000	1.92
1997	8,000	1,500	12,000,000	1.72
1998	6,500	1,400	9,100,000	1.63
1999	6,500	1,400	9,100,000	1.66
2000	5,700	1,450	8,265,000	1.69
2001	2,200	1,500	3,300,000	1.68
2002	1,700	1,400	2,380,000	1.48
2003	1,500	-----	-----	-----